HAMATEURCHATTER

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President's Letter

How do I start this? I guess I could say hello… I'm glad to be healthy enough to be back, but no I won't say those things. I never really left. I just stood aside and watched.

Not really, but it leads to a couple of ideas…

We do a lot of watching! We are a nation of **watchers**. We watch TV. We watch others do stuff. We stand by and opinionate about what they do, but how often do we actually pick up the ball and do something with it ourselves? Can you just imagine our favorite Packer quarterback - Mr. Brett deciding to come out of the huddle and watch the play develop? No! He makes it happen! He takes charge and drives the rest of the team to success. He executes the plan!

Can you imagine coming to Field Day and watching others put up antennas? Can you imagine watching others make contacts? I can, while I wait for my turn, but there are too many of us out there that are just watchers - not doers!

I know, I know. Many of you have contributed in the past and feel that now it is your time to relax a little - time to watch others do stuff … I don't disagree, but I want to appeal to you to help us. To help your club and your hobby, Ham Radio, get back into a growing phase. You have years of experience. Could you take on a "mentoring" job? Can you help with one of the club committees? Can you teach a class? Teach a portion of a class? Can you help with the class administrative duties, registration, set-up, collecting fees, setting up rosters, providing training materials… Can you find a place for us to teach a class?

Can you give us (your board) some feedback on what direction you would like to see the club spend our efforts? What effort would you like to participate in?

One of our board members complained to me that our membership is passive - a bunch of sit on the chairs and expect others to do every thing. In retrospect he may be right … as an example no one ran for President …I had to stop watching and run for the position myself. My words to you are these: Stop Watching and get going! Get the club going!

This is the theme for this Prez letter… There will be more, but for now it is a start.

I have great hopes and plans for our next two years! It will be a wild ride. Come along and enjoy. **Come along and participate!**

73,

Patrick

W9UQ

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Milwaukee Area Nets

DAY	TIME	MHz	ACTIVITY
Daily	5:00 - 7:15 AM	3.985	Badger Weather Net
Daily	6:00 PM	1.895	MidEast 160 m. Net
Daily	6-8:00 AM	14.290	Milwaukee/Florida (SSB)
Daily	7:30 AM	144.155	Breakfast RoundTable (SSB)
Daily	6:30 PM	3.645	WI Slow Speed CW Traffic
Daily	9:30 PM	3.9725	Country Cousins Net
Mon.-Sat.	12:00 PM	28.380	10/10 International Net
Mon.	8:00 PM	3.994	Tech Net
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.865-	ARES Net (Walworth and ARRL news)
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.445	Emergency Net
Mon.	8:45 PM	146.670-	ARRL voice news (ARES)
Mon.	9:00 PM	50.160	6 m.SSB NET
Mon.	9:00 PM	146.670-	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
Tue.	9:00 AM	50.160	6 Mtr. 2nd Shifters' SSB Net
Tue.	8:00 PM	144.250	Badger Contesters (SSB)
Tue.	8:00 PM	7.035	A.F.A.R. (CW)
Tue.	8:30 PM	223.500	X-Country Simplex Group (FM)
Tue.	9:00 PM	50.160	6 m. SSB Net.
Wed.	8:00 PM	28.365	10/10 Internat. (Milw. Ch.) (SSB)
Wed.	8:00 PM	145.130	ARRL voice news
Wed.	8:00 PM	147.270+	Weather & Swap net.
hu.	9:00 PM	50.160	6 mtr. SSB Net.
Thu.	9:00 PM	146.910-	Computer Net
Fri	8:30 PM	28.490	MRAC W9RH 10 m. Net (SSB)
Fri.	9:00 PM	145.390-	W9RH 2 m. FM Net after 10mtr.
Sat	9:00 PM	146.910-	Saturday Night Fun Net
Sun.	8:30 AM	3.985	QCWA (Chptr 55) (SSB)
Sun.	9:00 AM	145.565	X-Country Simplex Group (FM)
Sun.	10:00 AM	443.800+	FM-38 link to 146.88 Bar. SWAP Net
Sun.	8:00 PM	28.365	10/10 Int. (MKE Ch.) (SSB)
Sun.	8:00 PM	146.910-	Information Net
Sun.	9:00 PM	146.910-	Swap Net

2 meter repeaters are offset by 600KHz - - 70 centimeter repeaters are offset by 5 MHz
SSB frequencies below 20 meters are LSB and for 20 mtrs and above are USB

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is the newsletter of MRAC (Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club) which is a not for profit organization for the advancement of amateur radio and the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

MRAC Membership dues are $17.^{00}$ per year and run on a calendar year starting with January 1.

MRAC general membership meetings are normally held at 7:00 PM. the last Thursday of the month except for December and are held at:

Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

Credits

Our thanks to our news contributors this month:

AB9CD AB9EK AB9EY KB9Q KE9JJ W9UQ N9UX

Thanks also to Rita Doneis and Tom Fuszard for help in the proofreading dept. Our thanks goes to Dick Wood for making sure that the 'Chatter gets printed, stamped and mailed and to Joe Schwarz who Emails it.

Thanks also goes to Howard Parks who administers our website.

Thanks also to Ted Stiller for obtaining and serving refreshments at our meetings.

Thanks also goes to Tom Sherlowsky and Jacquie Horwitz for taking care of the raffle at the meetings.

Thanks to Mark Tellier, Tom Czaja, John Kraak and Tom Fuszard who are our VEC's.

Many Thanks goes to Jerry - WA9CGE for all of his efforts as Chairman of the Field Day Committee.

Thank YOU!

Future Programs

Upcoming programs for MRAC are as follows:

July 29th meeting will be on **Fox Hunting** by Howard Parks - AB9FH.

The **August** program will be a **roundtable discussion** on "What the Club wants from us and viceversa".

The **September** program will be on **Lightning Protection** by Dick Wood W9JBE

Reminder

Check in to our nets on Friday evenings.

The Ten Meter SSB net is at 8:30 PM on 28.490 Mhz. SSB

Our Two Meter FM net follows at 9:00 PM on our repeater @ 145.390 MHz with a – offset and a PL of 127.3 Hz

Join us for Saturday morning breakfast at Maxim's Restaurant, 18025 W. Capitol Dr. We usually meet at 8:00 AM, and order around 8:15 AM.

Membership Meeting Jun 24, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Brian, K9LCQ. Due to a funeral upstairs and church pictures being taken next to us, we had to keep the noise down so no introductions were made. Since nominations for President were left open from the last two meetings, Brian asked if there were any nominations for president at this time. Les, AB9EY nominated Patrick, W9UQ for president and Sherm, KB9Q seconded the nomination. Patrick accepted the nomination and was voted in by a unanimous decision.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes from the May meeting. Sherm KB9Q made a motion to accept as read. Pancho, KA9OFA seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Joe, N9UX gave the treasurer's report for June. A motion to accept the report as given was made by Patrick W9UQ and seconded by Pancho KA9OFA. Motion passed.

Brian stated that we have two new visitors to the meeting, Rob and Kevin Scott. Brian also passed around an updated newsletter on the USS Des Moines, the ship that a group is trying to get moved to the Milwaukee harbor.

Mark, AB9CD, gave an update on the repeater. Everything is working fine and a new tape was put into our answering machine. Mark also stated that the article on a video projector that was in the chatter was there for a reason. That reason is that the club has been thinking of purchasing one to be used for our presentations at the membership meeting.

At 7:10 pm Brian introduced the new club officers; President Patrick W9UQ, Vice President Howard AB9FH, Secretary Tom AB9EK and Treasurer Mark AB9CD. The meeting was turned over to Patrick.

Patrick stated that he wants the club to continue on as we have been, and would like to get classes started up again.

Mark stated that there has been interest in an Extra and Technician class for this fall. The Board would make the decision on which class will be taught. Mark will contact those who have requested a class as soon as a discussion is made. Mark also stated that there is not much participation going on with the code on the air class.

Joe, KA9DFZ, would like to start up a program called Buzz Talk at the club meetings. This would allow anyone to share his or her experiences on the bands. This will be a regular item on the agenda for the club meetings starting next month.

The club was informed that George Pfister, W9IZQ has passed away.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm was made by Pancho and seconded by Les. Meeting adjourned. Jerry, WA9CGE provided the program on Field Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Schulte, AB9EK

Club Secretary

For Sale

Antennas Antennas Antennas

1 - 2 meter 13 element beam, ---22 ft.. long

1- 6 meter beam - "I think"

3 element beam parts - Enough to make at least one tri-band ant. -also make rotatable dipoles,, You pick it, No reasonable offer refused

1_ Mirage Amp. B3310G for HT's - - - 4 watts in - - - 100 watts out $100.00 - - - It is $199.00 in 2004 MFJ buyers guide, plus tax.

Contact: Les, AB9EY Phone (414) 744-6870
919 East Holt Ave.
Milwaukee, WI

Missing!!!

Four CDs of pipe organ music and one CD of action dances used for the weekly exercise group are missing. They were left on the edge of the stage in the Fellowship Hall over a month ago. We've looked everywhere --- they seem to have disappeared! If anyone remembers seeing them or perhaps picked them up and put them "away" somewhere, I would appreciate it if you would let me know. Thank you!

Marianne Martin
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A Day at the Fest

Joe Schwarz, N9UX

The morning of July 10 my alarm went off at 5:45 am. I was expecting to get to the South Milwaukee Amateur Radio Club swapfest by 6:30, and since it's only about 5 minutes from my home, I knew I would make it on time. The clouds looked a little ominous, so I grabbed a jacket on my way out. My fears about the weather were completely unfounded.

As I pulled into the lot, I was greeted by friendly folks directing traffic, and parked on the gravel and started unloading the gear I was selling. Almost immediately, MRAC members stopped by to browse, buy and ragchew.

The toughest part about the fest was the number of people I knew stopping by. Although I have only been a ham a few years, was amazed at the number of people I knew at the fest. It was tough to have a long ragchew with one person before someone else would come up and want to chat.

Taking a break from selling, I got a chance to browse and make a few purchases. I was only looking for one thing, which I didn't find, but was fortunate to find a little QRP autotuner from an MRAC member while I was there. I even picked up a keyboard from a kind gentleman who saw me looking at it and said, "Just take it, I want it out of here".

One of the things I really enjoy about the SMARC fest is the wide range of radio gear you find at the fest. Everything from old boatachors, Hallicrafters, Swans, Knights, but also the usual array of modern gear. Of course, it wouldn't be a swapfest without the surplus Mototrola stuff.

Overall, I throughly enjoyed the the fest again this year. The weather was great, I managed to buy and sell a few items, and meet with hams I don't see at other events. If you haven't gotten to a swapfest lately, I highly recommend it. Hope to see you at the next one!

CW on the Air

Dan - KB9YDI has changed the scheduled time of "CW On The Air" to better fit schedules. The **beginners class** starts at **7:00 PM** and the **advanced/ practice session** begins at approximately **7:30 PM. CW Classes are still on Mondays and Wednesdays.**

Our Field Day Chairman, Jerry Wahlen setting up his PSK-31 station in preparation for racking up some points in the contest

EVENTS

* = VE Testing

July MRAC General Meeting
Thu. - July 29, 2004
Redemption Lutheran Church
Milwaukee, WI

HamFester's Radio Club HamFest *
Sun. - Aug. 8, 2004
Will Co. Fairgrounds
Peotone, IL
T/I on 146.52 simp.

Circus City SwapFest *
Sat. - Aug. 14, 2004
Sauk Co Gairgrounds
Baraboo, WI
T/I on 147.315 + rptr. PL 123.0 Hz

August MRAC General Meeting
Thu. - August 26, 2004
Redemption Lutheran Church
Milwaukee, WI

Radio Expo 2004 *
Sat. & Sun - Sep. 18 & 19, 2004
Lake Co Fairgrounds
Grayslake, IL
T/I on 146.16/76 MHz (107.2 Hz PL)

Peoria SuperFest
Fri. - Sun. - Sep. 17 - 19, 2004
Exposition Gardens Fairgrounds
Peoria, IL
T/I on 147.075(-.

Amateur Radio Fest 2004
Sat - Nov. 6, 2004
Waukesha Co. Expo Ctr
Waukesha, WI
T/I on 146.910 - (127.3 PL)

September MRAC General Meeting
Thu. - Sep. 30, 2004
Redemption Lutheran Church
Milwaukee, WI

'CHATTER DEADLINE

The deadline for items to be published in **HamateurChatter** is the 7th day of each month. If you have anything for the 'Chatter, please get it to me before then.

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Field Day Photos

Breakfast Extrordinaire cooked by Mel Friis XYL of Nels - WA9YAL, one of our leading attractions for this F.D.

Fierce competition with Mark - AB9CDat the controls at Field Day.

Recent SKs

Charley Ackerman - W9OWM - SK at 84.

George Pfister - W9IZQ - SK at 86, passed away. George was an Amateur for 72 years and joined MRAC in 1939.

Martin Brandeaux - KE6-PZH (better known as **Marlon Brando**)

VEC Testing

- Sat. - July 31, 2004
  9:30 AM @ AES

AES = Amateur Electronic Supply

5710 W. Good Hope Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

The **next Meeting** of **M.R.A.C.**
will be **Thursday - July 29, 2004**
at **7:00 PM** at:

Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
(Use the South entrance)
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Please don't call the church.

New Administration!

Stay tuned for more details.

The program for the
July 29th MRAC
general meeting
will be on

Fox Hunting

By
Howard Parks - AB9FH

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